

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10, 12-23 and 25-32 are pending in this application. Claims 11 and 24 are withdrawn.

Election of a single disclosed species is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner indicates that claims 1-32 are generic to the following disclosed patentably distinct species: magnesium, strontium and barium as the metal of the metal compound. It is further indicated that the species are independent or distinct because they have different effects.

Applicants elect with traverse barium as claimed in claims 1-10, 12-23, and 25-32.

Traversal of the species elections is on the grounds that for patentability, a search for any one species would include or overlap a search for each of the other species, and thus, a search for all species claimed would not put an undue burden on the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirements in view of the above remarks is respectfully requested.

Moreover, Applicants submit that claims 1-10, 12-23 and 25-32 are in condition for allowance and therefore, respectfully request Notice of Allowance with respect to these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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